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E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: CSCE PARM PEPR PGOV HU XG XH  
SUBJECT: HUNGARIAN DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ON DETENTE

1. SUMMARY: IN RECENT DAYS DEPUTY FONMIN JANOS NAGY HAS  
SPOKEN THREE TIMES ABOUT DETENTE, CONCLUDING THAT IT IS STILL  
ON THE TRACKS DESPITE SOME WESTERN ACTIONS--HUMAN RIGHTS,  
INCREASED ARMAMENT EXPENDITURES, WESTERN INTRANSIGENCE AT  
BELGRADE--IN HIS VIEW WHICH HAVE SLOWED IT DOWN. END SUMMARY.

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2. ON FEB 17, NAGY GAVE AN INTERVIEW TO THE PCI PAPER,  
L'UNITA. ON FEB 19, HE PARTICIPATED IN A ROUND TABLE  
DISCUSSION REPORTED IN NEPSZABADSAG. ON FEB 22, HE  
LECTURED ON DETENTE TO THE HUNGARIAN ACADEMY OF  
SCIENCES. HIS LECTURE WAS REPORTED IN MAGYAR NEMZET.  
3. TO L'UNITA, NAGY STRESSED THAT DETENTE NEEDED TO BE  
PURSUED IN ORDER TO ENSURE OPTIMUM ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL

DEVELOPMENT FOR ALL COUNTRIES (AND REDUCE THE BURDEN OF MILITARY EXPENDITURES.) DETENTE IS NOT IRREVERSIBLE, HE OPINED, BUT HAS ALREADY CREATED IRREVERSIBLE RESULTS. SLAPPING INDIRECTLY AT ADVOCATES OF HUMAN RIGHTS MEASURES, HE CLAIMED SECURITY AND COOPERATION COULD NOT BE SEPARATED. HE THOUGHT 35 DELEGATIONS AT BELGRADE WAS ALREADY PROGRESS BUT THAT COUNTRIES THERE SHOULD SEEK TO BUILD A BETTER ATMOSPHERE, NOT TO GAIN PROPAGANDA VICTORIES. PROGRESS IN DISARMAMENT IS NECESSARILY SLOW BUT PARTIAL AGREEMENTS AND SMALL STEPS ARE IMPORTANT. HE WAS HOPEFUL ON SALF AND MBFR AND SAID THAT IF MBFR AGREEMENT IS REACHED IT WILL BE OF GREAT POLITICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPORTANCE.

4. AT THRE ROUND TABLE, NAGY NOTED THE NUMBER OF SOVIET-U.S. AGREEMENTS WHICH DEMONSTRATED PROGRESS IN DETENTE TO DATE. HE NOTED THAT THE BALANCE-OF-POWER TREND FAVORS THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AND THAT THE MILITARY BALANCE WHICH HAS COME ABOUT ENSURES

THAT DETENTE CANNOT BE UNDONE. ASKED IF POLITICAL DETENTE IS POSSIBLE WITHOUT MILITARY DETENTE, NAGY SAID THAT WHILE THERE HAS BEEN NO SWEEPING PROGRESS ON DISARMAMENT, THE RESERVES FOR ADVANCING POLITICAL DETENTE HAVE NOT BEEN EXHAUSTED. EVENTUALLY, HE AGREED MILITARY DETENTE IS NECESSARY. THE WEST SHOULD NOT EXPECT IT CAN WEAR THE SOVIETS DOWN THROUGH PURSUIT OF AN ARMS RACE.

5. TO THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, NAGY NOTED THE PREEMINENCE OF DETENTE AMONG THE FACTORS AFFECTING INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND POINTS OUT THAT THE MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX IN THE WEST IS ATTEMPTING TO UNDERMINE DETENTE AND UPSET THE MILITARY BALANCE. DESPITE THE RESULTANT CONTRADI TIONS, HELSINKI, ECONOMIC TRADE, AND IMPROVED CULTUREAL RELATIONS CREATE MUTUAL COMMITMENT AND WIDEN CONTACTS. ONLY DETENTE CAN BRING ABOUT THE WIDENING OF CONTACTS, NOT THE OTHER WAY AROUND. AGAIN, CRITICAL OF WESTERN USE OF HUMAN RIGHTS, NAGY SAID THAT THE NORMS OF DETENTE DEMAND THAT THE IDEOLOGICAL STRUGGLE SHOULD NOT VIOLATE THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF INTERSTATE RELATIONS. (HE IMPLIES IDEOLOGICAL STRUGGLE IS PERMISSIBLE FOR BOTH SIDES.) THE CAPITALIST STATES HAVE TO BE FOUGHT DAY BY DAY. ONE OF THEIR ACTIONS AGAINST DETENTE TAKES THE FORM OF UNDERMINING ECONOMIC COOPERATION UNDER THE PRETEXT OF HUMAN RIGHTS. AT BELGRADE, UNFORTUNATELY, CERTAIN WESTERN COUNTRIES ARE PUSHING ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND IGNORING THE CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSALS OF THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES IN OTHER FIELDS. NAGY REJECTED RESOLUTELY ATTEMPTS TO INTERVENE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. HE EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER, THAT HE IS HOPEFUL WITH RESPECT TO GENEVA, BELGRADE, AND VIENNA.

6. COMMENT: NAGY HAS MADE THE SAME POINTS FREQUENTLY TO US IN BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS AND TALKS, EXPECIALLY WHEN RECEIVING

VISITING AMERICAN OFFICIALS AND CONGRESSMEN. THE SIGNIFI-  
CANCE OF HIS REMARKS NOW IS THAT ALTHOUGH HE RECOGNIZES DETENTE  
HAS SLOWED DOWN, HE IS NEITHER NERVOUS NOR WORRIED. HE IS  
NOT PARTICULARLY CONCERNED WITH DELAYS IN REACHING A SALT  
AGREEMENT IN THE CURRENT IMPASSE IN BELGRADE. THIS CONTRASTS  
WITH HIS (AND THE GOH'S) ATTITUDE LAST SPRING AFTER THE VANCE  
VISIT TO MOSCOW AND THE TABLING OF OUR INITIAL SALT PROPOSALS,

ATA TIME WHEN HUMAN RIGHTS WAS A FRESH TOPIC.  
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